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<u>AMENDMENT</u>

This Amendment is responsive to the outstanding Office Action mailed December 2, 2003. Entry of this Amendment and reconsideration of the application is requested.

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## This submission includes:

- 1. Amendments to the Claims (pp. 2-11);
- Remarks and Conclusion (pp. 12-15); and
- Attachment In Re Kroekel, 183 USPQ 610 (CCPA 1974).